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Comments: Per our discussion, attached is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment we filed on September 28, 1999 in the above-referenced application.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial Number: Cont. of 08/967,242

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ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC ACTIVATED T LYMPHOCYTES, DETECTION AND USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

September 28, 1999

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please *cancel* claims1-24, 28-30, 35, 36 and 41-45 without prejudice or disclaimer and *add* the following new claims:

A peptide derived from glutamic acid decarboxylase having a length of at most 25 amino acids and comprising

- (a) a peptide of at least 6 amino acids of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 3 and 19-39, or
- (b) a peptide or peptide derivative having a length of 6 to 25 amino acids which exhibits a specificity or/and affinity which is essentially equivalent to that of the peptide (a) and includes anchor positions for binding to alleles of MHC class II molecules DR3 or DR4.

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